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SUBJECT: SAIGON-HANOI LIAISON FLIGHT

1. WITH RUMORS OF NEW POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION IN SAIGON VICINITY THIS WEEKEND, WE HAVE NOTICED THAT MANIFEST FOR APRIL 18 HANOI LIAISON FLIGHT FURNISHED BY DRV DELEGATION SHOWS THAT THREE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE LISTED AS RETURNING TO HANOI, INCLUDING COLONEL TU, ACTING CHIEF. THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY 20 OF DRV DELEGATION REMAINING AT CAMP DAVIS WITH 1ST LT. LONG, LIAISON INTERPRETER, AND PARTY WATCHDOG, AS ONLY REMAINING PERSON OF ANY IMPORTANCE.

2. PRESENTLY IN HANOI ARE ELEVEN MEMBERS OF DRV DELEGATION, INCLUDING COLONEL DO, CHIEF OF DELEGATION; MAJOR MAI NGUYEN, AND SENIOR CAPTAIN TO.

3. JUST IN CASE HANOI HAS DECIDED LT. LONG AND HIS NINETEEN COLLEAGUES ARE REGARDED BY HANOI AS EXPENDABLE AFTER DEPARTURE OF ACTING CHIEF COLONEL TU, WE ARE NOTIFYING DRV DELEGATION THAT FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF "MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES," THAT A REPLACEMENT PART HAS BEEN ORDERED URGENTLY FROM THE UNITED STATES AND WE NOW PLAN TO RE-SCHEDULE FLIGHT FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY. THE REACTIONS BY THE DRV DELEGATION TO THE NOTIFICATION MAY BE INTERESTING.

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4. WE SHALL REVIEW THE SITUATION MONDAY AND TUESDAY AND DECIDE

THEN WHETHER TO FURTHER POSTPONE OR MAKE THE FLIGHT ON WEDNESDAY.
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